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REPLY BRIEF

This Reply Brief is responsive to the Examiner's Answer mailed July 1, 2003
(Paper No. 9) and accompanies appellants' concurrently filed Request for an Oral
Hearing.

This Reply Brief is responsive to three new points of argument raised by the
Examiner in the Examiner's Answer, i.e. (a) that 35 USC §102(b) does not require the
claimed invention to be "described in a printed publication;" (b) the teaching of a
possibility of does not render obvious a claimed invention; and (c) Ellzey contains no
suggestion of the claimed combination.